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Title: METHOD FOR ADAPTIVE CRITICAL  
PATH DELAY ESTIMATION DURING  
TIMING-DRIVEN PLACEMENT FOR  
HIERARCHICAL PROGRAMMABLE  
LOGIC DEVICES

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Please consider the following amendments and remarks provided with the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which being on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.